

**BOROUGH OF DUMONT
BERGEN COUNTY, N.J.
EXECUTIVE MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 21, 2012
6:30 PM**

Mayor Kelly called the meeting to order at 6:30PM

Flag Salute; Silent Prayer

Sunshine Law: The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act of the State of New Jersey have been satisfied by the inclusion of the date, time and place of this public meeting in a notice sent to *The Record* and *The Ridgewood News*, filed with the Borough of Dumont, and posted on the Dumont website and the official bulletin board.

Roll Call:

Council members Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-present
Mayor Kelly-present

Public Portion

Tax Assessor James Anzevino explained that Eden Bergenfield tax appeal is a 2010 added assessment appeal and a 2011 appeal. The tax assessor had priced the property according to the same standards as the prior reassessment in 2004. When the economy changed, the assessment was high. There was discussion as to whether the amount can be paid in installments and what would be best for the Borough.

Mr. Anzevino also explained that the reason for doing the reassessment this year was because we were spending so much in tax appeal refunds due to the downturn in the economy. The reassessments are 99% complete as of last Friday. Letters will be sent out when completed. There will then be meetings held in Borough Hall if anyone wishes to discuss the values. The website of the company doing the reassessment for the Borough is www.asinj.com. The firm's name is Appraisal Systems, Inc. Councilwoman Zamechansky suggested a meeting be held at the Senior Center for the seniors also.

The Municipal Clerk read the resolution to enter closed session for discussion of pending litigation-pending tax appeals Advanced Housing and Verizon

Motion: Councilwoman Zamechansky

Second: Councilman Brophy

Roll call vote: Brophy, Carrick, Freeman, Hayes, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes

Motion to go back into public: Councilman Carrick

Second: Councilman Stylianou

All in favor.

Review for Public Meeting:

RESOLUTIONS

#12-55 Eden Bergenfield Tax Appeal Settlement

#12-59 Appointment of Brooker Engineering as Borough Engineer for the year 2012-Motion by Councilman Carrick to pull from agenda; seconded by Councilwoman Zamechansky. Roll call vote: Council members Carrick, Freeman, Stylianou, Zamechansky-yes Council members Brophy and Hayes-no

#12-72 Appointment of Thomas Ciotti to the Ethics Board-Councilman Stylianou spoke to Mr. Ciotti today. He suggested that the other council members also speak to him. Motion to table until March 6th: Councilwoman Zamechansky, Second: Councilman Carrick

#12-75 Approval of Council Meeting Dates

#12-76 Re-appointment of Larry Bongard as Recycling Coordinator for 2012-\$3,778.16
Councilwoman Zamechansky asked Mr. Perkins about the information from BCUA which stated they would do the sign-off for no charge was only for towns which did not currently have a recycling coordinator and it would only be for one year. Therefore, his suggestion is that Mr. Bongard be reappointed. Councilman Carrick asked if he gives fines to people who do not recycle properly.

#12-79 Bills List

#12-80 Authorization to Re-advertise for Alternate Public Defender and Alternate Prosecutor

#12-81 Frontier Room-Approval of Request for Live Entertainment

#12-82 Authorization for T&M Associates to Prepare Bid Documents for Roosevelt Avenue Storm Sewer Improvements and Authorization for the Municipal Clerk to Advertise for Bids -\$26,200

#12-83 Coleman Szely-Appoint as Rent Leveling Alternate Tenant Member

#12-84 Alyssa Bobadilla-Accept Resignation as Dumont Police Dispatcher-This position will be filled.

#12-85 Authorization of Municipal Court Signatories

#12-86 Transfer of Budget Appropriations

Councilman Carrick stated that he and Councilman Freeman had a problem with T&M in the past with responses to questions. Their work quality is good. Councilman Stylianou does not feel that any of the engineers have the majority of votes at this point. He suggested the appointment of borough engineer should be posted on next month's agenda. The council members should review the RFQ's and decide.

ORDINANCE

Second Reading

#1439 Refunding bond ordinance providing for the refunding of certain general obligation bonds issued in connection with unfunded pension liabilities of the Borough of Dumont, in the County of Bergen, New Jersey, appropriating \$886,000 therefor and authorizing the issuance of \$886,000 bonds of the borough for financing the cost thereof

The Local Finance Board has approved the application.

Councilman Freeman asked Mr. Perkins to explain the reason for this refunding bond ordinance. His response was that this is a result of the early retirement incentive program 1999. Six police officers retired. They were given five years' salary and credit toward their pension. The Bergen County Improvement Authority, due to low interest rates at this time, offered refinancing for all the towns and authorities. This will mean a \$72,000 savings for the Borough between now and 2023.

Councilman Hayes asked the total amount of bonds the Borough has. The CFO responded \$18-20 million. She will provide a list to the Council. Councilman Stylianou pointed out that much of it goes back to years and years ago.

Motion to open to the public: Councilman Hayes

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to close to the public: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Motion to adjourn: Councilman Stylianou

Second: Councilman Freeman

All in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Susan Connelly, RMC

Municipal Clerk